



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 10 11th November 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have been learning about the importance of the 11th November. Our week started with a moving assembly run by Mrs Stewart. Our amazing school choir performed and as always were led by Miss Russell. Thank you all.



Throughout the week the children have engaged in a variety of remembrance activities. These have been across all subject areas. Whilst having fun we have all learned and paid our respects.

To finish the week today (Armistice Day) we have organised and all participated in our own Remembrance service. We were joined by James Williamson who is the District Commissioner for Aylesbury. It was a true honour to have him in school and inspiring to hear him talk to our children.



We are now moving into the busiest time of the year. We are preparing for Christmas and the festivities that this period brings. Every class and year group will be performing this year and we hope that as many parents, carers and family members will be able to join us in school as possible.

Diary Dates

11/11 – Remembrance Day – scouting/service uniforms allowed in school.
18/11 – Children in Need – Pyjama Day
24/11 – Open Morning for Reception 2023 9.30-10.30
26/11 – Book Sale and Café (move info to follow)
29/11 – Reception Maths Workshop 3.30-4.00pm
06/12 – Reception Bedtime Story 5.00-6.00pm
08/12 – Christingle Yr. 3 Parents 9am and Yr. 4 Parents 10am (ticket allocation and info to follow)
09/12 – Christmas Jumper Day
09/12 – Yr. 6 WOW! Day Vikings
12/12 – Yr. 6 wear Christmas Jumpers
13/12 – KST1 Nativity AM
14/12 – KST1 Nativity PM
14/12 – Yr. 5&6 Christmas Concert Evening
15/12 – Reception Singing Assembly AM
15/12 – Christmas Lunch – Primary Phase
19/12 – Last day of Preschool
20/12 – School closes – half day

Parking

This week we have witnessed some extremely dangerous driving around the school with parents parking on the yellow zig zags, turning on the crossings and parking on the corners. Every child at the school deserves to be safe and these manoeuvres have jeopardised the safety for them. Please consider the safety of everyone and if possible walk to and from school.

Morning Drop Off

There is an increasing amount of children arriving extremely early and waiting at the gates. These children are unsupervised and still the parents' responsibility. Many of the children are playing games in and out of the cars with staff still arriving in the car park. This is extremely dangerous especially as the children are often only seen at the last minute, it is an accident waiting to happen. Please ensure that children are not dropped off and left alone before the gates open.

World Diabetes Day

14th November is World Diabetes Day to increase awareness and support the charity students are permitted to wear something **BLUE** on that day. This can be a blue headband, a blue pair of socks, a blue belt, any accessory that is blue.

Children In Need – Pyjama Day

Next Friday (18th) is Children in Need. Children are invited to wear their PJs to school on this day in exchange for £1. Our school parliament are also arranging a book sale for that day, if you have any children's books that you would like to donate please bring these in on Monday.

The book sale will be after school, once all children have been dismissed.

Finally, the parliament members wish to organise a sponsored obstacle race to be held on the playground throughout the school day (the rules and forms for this will be issued closer to the time).

We thank you in advance for your support in this very worthy cause and hope that the events planned we help everyone to enjoy the day just a little more.

Link to Just Giving Page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ava-primary-phase-1667298703564?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/ava-primary-phase-1667298703564&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=04aefae0a45b4361adbb1abd8a0110a1

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

Christmas jumper day is 9th December for all year children from Preschool to Year 5. Jumpers should be worn with school uniform in the place of the school jumper or PE hoodie.
Year 6 will have their Christmas Jumper day on Monday (12th December) as they have a special Viking Day on the Friday.

School Applications

The Primary portal is open please go to the Bucks Council website to access this and make your application for Reception September 2023.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/submit-your-school-preferences/>

Reflection

Today both Primary and Secondary phases joined together to mark Remembrance Day. We invite you to join with us in a Reflection for Remembrance Day...

On the night of 14th November 1940, the city of Coventry endured a relentless bombing campaign. Overnight, bombs destroyed much of central Coventry, hundreds of its people and left its Cathedral in ruins. Only the outer shell of the walls and the tower remained standing.

Shortly after this event, the words '**Father Forgive**' were inscribed on the wall of the ruined cathedral, and a commitment was made not to seek revenge, but to strive for forgiveness and reconciliation with those responsible. From this moment onwards Coventry Cathedral became one of the world's oldest religious-based centres for reconciliation. Today the medieval ruins continue to remind us of our human capacity both to destroy and to reach out to our enemies in friendship and reconciliation.



The words '**Father Forgive**' are used as the response in the 'Coventry Litany of Reconciliation', written by Canon Joseph Poole in 1958, which is prayed in the new Coventry Cathedral every weekday at noon, and throughout the world by partners in the Community of Reconciliation.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Baughan